



PTO/SB/08A (02-03)  
Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/746,903
Filing Date	December 22, 2000
First Named Inventor	Weigand
Art Unit	2661
Examiner Name	D. R. Vincent
Attorney Docket Number	P04793

RECEIVED

AUG 19 2004

Technology Center 2600

### U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
<u>  </u>		US- 3,623,017	11/23/71	Lowell et al.	
		US- 4,449,185	05/15/84	Oberman et al.	
		US- 4,481,570	11/06/84	Wiker	
		US- 5,099,141	03/24/92	Utsunomiya	
		US- 5,128,938	07/07/92	Borras	
		US- 5,148,532	09/15/92	Narita et al.	
		US- 5,303,358	04/12/94	Baum	
		US- 5,390,350	02/14/95	Chung et al.	
		US- 5,471,518	11/28/95	Barber et al.	
		US- 5,490,260	02/06/96	Miller et al.	
		US- 5,524,008	06/04/96	Levy	
		US- 5,592,634	01/07/97	Circello et al.	
		US- 5,692,201	11/25/97	Yato	
		US- 5,774,701	06/30/98	Matsui et al.	
		US- 5,781,783	07/14/98	Gunther et al.	
		US- 5,822,308	10/13/98	Weigand et al.	
		US- 5,845,204	12/01/98	Chapman et al.	
		US- 5,872,993	02/16/99	Brown	
<u>  </u>		US- 5,910,944	06/08/99	Callicotte et al.	

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>4</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
<u>  </u>		EP 0 726 687	08/14/96	Landsdowne		
<u>  </u>		JP 0 3228 109 A	10/09/91	Inoguchi		

Examiner Signature	<u>  </u>	Date Considered	<u>11/1/04</u>
--------------------	-----------	-----------------	----------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY



PTO/SB/08A (02-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 2 of 2

Complete if Known

Application Number 09/746,903

Filing Date December 22, 2000

First Named Inventor Weigand

Art Unit 2661

Examiner Name D.R. Vincent

Attorney Docket Number P04793

RECEIVED

AUG 19 2004

Technology Center 2600

**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
[Signature]		US- 5,960,466	09/28/99	Belgard	
		US- 5,973,617	10/26/99	Reichmeyer	
		US- 6,029,061	02/22/00	Kolschmidt	
		US- 6,157,836	12/05/00	Cashman	
		US- 6,233,235	05/15/01	Burke et al.	
		US- 6,330,234	12/11/01	Tomasi et al.	
		US- 6,363,470	03/26/02	Laurenti et al.	
		US- 6,438,700	08/20/02	Adusumilli	
		US- 6,477,382	11/05/02	Mansfield et al.	
		US- 6,502,152	12/31/02	Laurenti	
[Signature]		US- 6,584,542	06/24/03	Weigand	
		US- 6,728,805	04/27/04	Yoshida	
		US- 6,442,407	08/27/02	Bauer et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

Examiner  
Signature

[Signature]

Date  
Considered

11/1/04

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.